GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3184
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Forests Guards
Sanghamita Dr.(Smt.) Mamtaz

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that combating poaching is a serious threat for the life of forest workers namely forest guards and even rangers;
(b) whether the Government is likely to allow the use of arms by forest officers at the time of encounter with poachers; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a), (b) & (c) Threat to the life of forest workers namely forest guards and rangers while combating poachers cannot be ruled out. Management of Protected Areas and its administrative matter is the responsibility of the concerned State/Union Territory Governments. The State Governments use various provisions of law including use of arms to combat poaching. The use of fire arms is however, regulated by the Indian Arms Act and relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and Criminal Procedure Code.

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